

Women in Ministerial Positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions as of 1 January 2008. Reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2008.

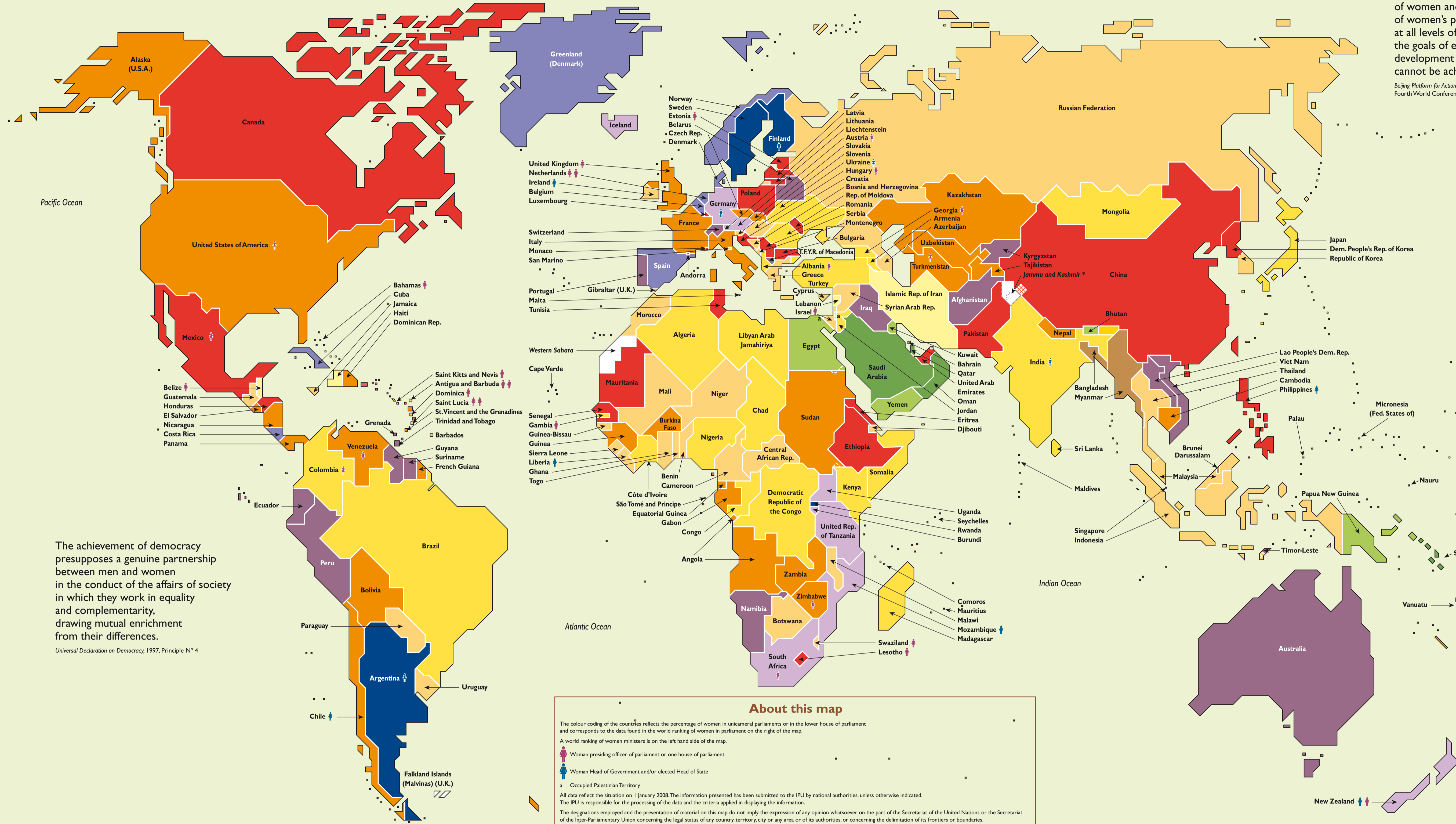
Rank	Country	Lower or Single House %	Upper House or Senate %	Total %
1	Finland	57.9	19	38.4
2	Norway	55.6	10	32.8
3	Grenada	50.0	6	28.0
4	Sweden	47.6	10	28.8
5	France	46.7	13	29.8
6	South Africa	44.8	13	28.9
7	Spain	43.8	8	25.9
8	Switzerland	42.9	7	24.9
9	Chile	40.9	3	21.8
10	El Salvador	38.9	7	22.9
11	Austria	38.5	5	21.7
12	Andorra	37.5	3	20.2
13	Denmark	37.1	3	20.1
14	Iceland	36.4	4	20.4
15	Trinidad and Tobago*	36.4	8	22.2
16	Cape Verde	35.7	5	20.4
17	Ecuador	35.3	12	23.4
18	Germany	33.3	5	19.3
19	Netherlands	33.3	4	18.6
20	Nicaragua	33.3	4	18.6
21	New Zealand	33.3	1	17.6
22	Lesotho*	31.6	6	19.1
23	Burundi	29.4	5	17.2
24	Costa Rica	29.4	5	17.2
25	Uruguay	28.4	4	16.4
26	Uganda	28.4	4	16.4
27	Barbados	27.8	5	16.4
28	Botswana	27.8	5	16.4
29	Gambia	27.8	5	16.4
30	Ghana	26.5	5	15.7
31	Poland	26.5	5	15.7
32	Mozambique	25.9	7	16.4
33	Niger	25.9	7	16.4
34	Guinea-Bissau*	25.9	7	16.4
35	Namibia	25.9	7	16.4
36	São Tomé and Príncipe	25.9	7	16.4
37	Timor-Leste*	25.9	7	16.4
38	Australia	24.1	7	15.7
39	Italy	24.0	6	15.0
40	Malawi	23.8	5	14.6
41	United States of America	23.8	5	14.6
42	Bolivia	23.5	4	13.7
43	Bulgaria	23.5	4	13.7
44	Croatia	23.5	4	13.7
45	Argentina	23.1	3	12.3
46	Belgium	23.1	3	12.3
47	Colombia	23.1	3	12.3
48	Estonia	23.1	3	12.3
49	Lithuania	23.1	3	12.3
50	Mal	23.1	3	12.3
51	Panama	23.1	3	12.3
52	Nigeria	22.7	5	13.7
53	United Kingdom	22.7	5	13.7
54	Benin	22.2	6	14.2
55	Cuba	22.2	6	14.2
56	Dominica*	21.4	3	11.4
57	Hungary	21.4	3	11.4
58	Ireland	21.4	3	11.4
59	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	21.4	3	11.4
60	Venezuela	21.4	3	11.4
61	United Republic of Tanzania	21.4	3	11.4
62	Liberia	20.0	4	12.0
63	Liechtenstein	20.0	4	12.0
64	Mongolia	20.0	4	12.0
65	Nepal	20.0	4	12.0
66	San Marino	20.0	4	12.0
67	Seychelles	20.0	4	12.0
68	Morocco	19.2	5	12.2
69	Paraguay	18.8	4	11.6
70	Cuba	18.8	4	11.6
71	Kyrgyzstan*	18.8	4	11.6
72	Switzerland	18.8	4	11.6
73	Guatemala	18.2	2	10.2
74	Cyprus	17.9	2	9.9
75	Senegal	17.9	2	9.9
76	Eritrea*	17.9	2	9.9
77	Georgia*	17.6	3	10.2
78	Sierra Leone	17.6	3	10.2
79	Chad	16.7	5	10.7
80	Rwanda	16.7	5	10.7
81	Suriname	16.7	5	10.7
82	Sierra Leone	16.7	5	10.7
83	Zimbabwe	16.7	5	10.7
84	Canada	16.3	7	11.6
85	Ghana	15.9	7	11.4
86	Guinea*	15.8	3	9.4
87	Mexico	15.8	3	9.4
88	Malta	15.4	2	8.7
89	Jordan	14.8	4	9.2
90	Dominican Republic	14.5	3	8.8
91	Burkina Faso	14.3	5	9.6
92	Luxembourg	14.3	3	8.6
93	Madagascar	14.3	3	8.6
94	Micronesia (Federated States of)	14.3	1	7.7
95	Sierra Leone	14.3	1	7.7
96	Equatorial Guinea	14.0	7	10.7
97	The F.Y.R. of Macedonia	13.4	2	7.2
98	Slovakia	13.2	2	7.2
99	Central African Republic	12.5	3	8.0
100	Côte d'Ivoire	12.5	3	8.0
101	Czech Republic	12.5	3	8.0
102	Moldova	12.5	3	8.0
103	Portugal	12.5	3	8.0
104	Democratic Rep. of the Congo	12.0	3	7.3
105	Israel	12.0	3	7.3
106	Mauritania	11.8	2	6.8
107	Greece	11.8	2	6.8
108	Japan	11.8	2	6.8
109	Cameroon	11.6	5	8.1
110	Brazil	11.4	4	7.7
111	Haiti	11.2	2	6.4
112	Jamaica	11.2	2	6.4
113	Lao People's Democratic Rep.	11.2	2	6.4
114	Algeria	10.8	4	7.3
115	Indonesia	10.8	4	7.3
116	Republic of Moldova	10.5	2	6.2
117	India	10.5	2	6.2
118	Iran	10.3	4	7.3
119	Marshall Islands	10.0	2	6.0
120	Thailand	10.0	2	6.0
121	Ethiopia	9.5	2	5.7
122	Togo	9.5	2	5.7
123	Malaysia	9.4	3	6.1
124	Antigua and Barbuda	9.1	1	4.1
125	Djibouti	9.1	1	4.1
126	Oman	9.1	1	4.1
127	Philippines	9.1	2	5.2
128	China	8.4	3	5.5
129	Bahamas*	8.3	1	3.3
130	Bangladesh*	8.3	1	3.3
131	Fiji	8.3	1	3.3
132	United Arab Emirates	8.0	2	4.0
133	Kiribati*	7.7	1	3.7
134	Qatar	7.7	1	3.7
135	Vanuatu*	7.7	1	3.7
136	Brunei Darussalam	7.1	1	3.1
137	Tunisia	6.9	2	4.2
138	Turkmenistan*	6.9	2	4.2
139	Albania	6.7	1	3.7
140	Azerbaijan	6.7	1	3.7
141	Guatemala	6.7	1	3.7
142	Kuwait	6.7	1	3.7
143	Belarus	6.5	2	4.1
144	Egypt	6.5	2	4.1
145	Angola	6.3	2	3.9
146	Montenegro	6.3	2	3.9
147	Sudan	6.3	2	3.9
148	Armenia	5.9	1	2.9
149	Tajikistan*	5.9	1	2.9
150	Sri Lanka	5.7	3	5.3
151	Yemen	5.7	3	5.3
152	Kazakhstan*	5.4	1	2.4
153	Uzbekistan*	5.3	1	2.3
154	Republic of Korea	5.0	2	3.0
155	Lebanon	4.5	1	2.5
156	Bahrain	4.3	1	2.3
157	Ukraine	4.2	1	2.2
158	Turkey	4.2	1	2.2
159	Viet Nam*	4.2	1	2.2
160	Afghanistan	3.7	1	2.7
161	Pakistan	3.6	1	2.6
162	Papua New Guinea*	3.4	1	2.4
163	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3.2	1	2.2
164	Bhutan*	0.0	0	0.0
165	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.0	0	0.0
166	Democratic People's Rep. of Korea*	0.0	0	0.0
167	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.0	0	0.0
168	Mexico	0.0	0	0.0
169	Myanmar*	0.0	0	0.0
170	Romania	0.0	0	0.0
171	Saudi Arabia	0.0	0	0.0
172	Singapore	0.0	0	0.0
173	Solomon Islands	0.0	0	0.0
174	Tuvalu	0.0	0	0.0
175	Comoros	0.0	0	0.0
176	Honduras	0.0	0	0.0
177	Kenya	0.0	0	0.0
178	Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.0	0	0.0
179	Saint Lucia	0.0	0	0.0
180	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.0	0	0.0
181	Tonga	0.0	0	0.0
182	Timor-Leste	0.0	0	0.0
183	Uruguay	0.0	0	0.0
184	Zimbabwe	0.0	0	0.0



Women in Politics: 2008



Situation on 1 January 2008



The achievement of democracy presupposes a genuine partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society in which they work in equality and complementarity, drawing mutual enrichment from their differences.

Universal Declaration on Democracy, 1997, Principle N° 4

About this map

The colour coding of the countries reflects the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or in the lower house of parliament and corresponds to the data found in the world ranking of women in parliament on the right of the map.

A world ranking of women ministers is on the left hand side of the map.

Woman presiding officer of parliament or one house of parliament

Woman Head of Government and/or elected Head of State

a Occupied Palestinian Territory

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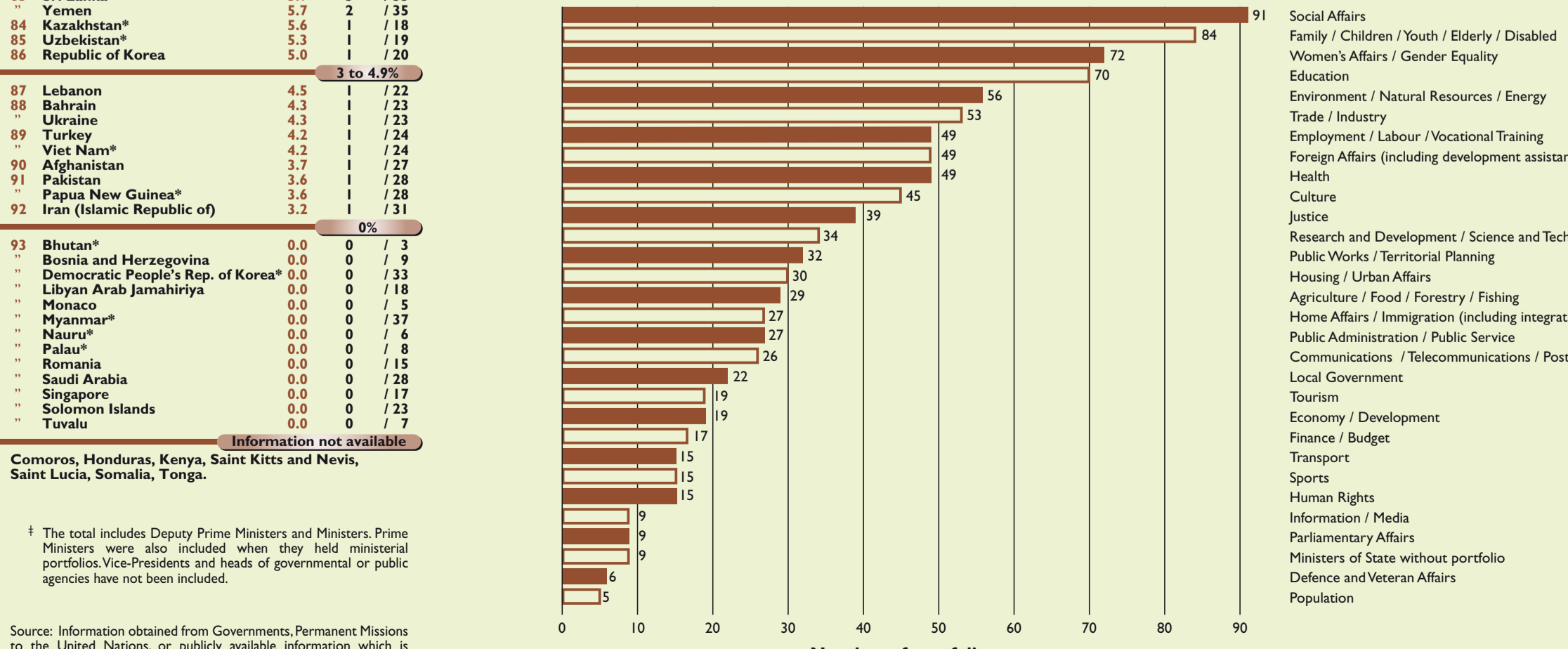
* Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

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Portfolios held by Women Ministers (1022 portfolios, for 185 countries)



Women in the Highest Positions of State (1 January 2008)

Position	Count	Percentage
Head of State (HS)	7/150	4.7%
Head of Government (HG)	8/192	4.2%
Presiding Officers of Parliament	28/262	10.7%
Members of Parliament	234/262	89.3%

189 Parliaments, of which 76 are bicameral = 265 Chambers of Parliament!

Country	HS (HG)	Presiding Officers
Argentina (HS/HG)	1	1
Chile (HS/HG)	1	1
Finland (HS)	1	1
Germany (HG)	1	1
India (HS)	1	1
Ireland (HS)	1	1
Albania (Assemblei)	1	1
Antigua and Barbuda (House of Representatives and Senate)	1	1
Austria (National Council)	1	1
Bahamas (Senate)	1	1
Belize (House of Representatives)	1	1
Colombia (Senate)	1	1
Dominica (House of Assembly)	1	1
Estonia (Parliament)	1	1
Gambia (The) (National Assembly)	1	1
Georgia (Parliament)	1	1
Guinea (National Assembly)	1	1
Israel (Parliament)	1	1
Lesotho (National Assembly)	1	1
Mexico (Chamber of Deputies)	1	1
Netherlands (House of Representatives and Senate)	1	1
New Zealand (House of Representatives)	1	1
Saint Kitts and Nevis (National Assembly)	1	1
Saint Lucia (House of Assembly and Senate)	1	1
South Africa (National Assembly)	1	1
Swaziland (Senate)	1	1
Turkmenistan (Assemblei)	1	1
United Kingdom (House of Lords)	1	1
United States of America (House of Representatives)	1	1
Venezuela (National Assembly)	1	1
Zimbabwe (Senate)	1	1

World and Regional Averages of Women in Parliament

Category	Single or Lower House %	Upper House or Senate %	Both Houses combined %
World average	17.9%	16.7%	17.7%
Regional averages			
Nordic countries (including Nordic countries not included)	41.4%	—	41.4%
Europe OSCE	20.9%	17.9%	20.3%
Americas	20.7%	20.1%	20.6%
Europe OSCE (Nordic countries not included)	19.0%	17.9%	18.8%
Sub-Saharan Africa	17.3%	21.2%	17.7%
Asia	16.9%	14.8%	16.7%
Pacific	12.9%	31.8%	15.0%
Arab States	9.6%	7.0%	9.0%

Women in Parliament

The countries are ranked and colour-coded according to the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament. Reflecting elections/appointments up to 1 January 2008.

Rank	Country	Lower or Single House %	Upper House or Senate %	Total %
1	Rwanda	48.8	39	43.9
2	Sweden	47.0	164	34.9
3	Finland	41.5	87	26.0
4	Argentina	40.0	102	25.5
5	Netherlands	39.3	59	34.5
6	Denmark	38.0	68	33.0
7	Costa Rica	36.8	21	28.9
8	Spain	36.6	128	23.2
9	Norway	36.1	61	26.7
10	Cuba	36.0	219	60.9
11	Belgium	35.3	53	24.4
12	Mozambique	34.8	87	25.0
13	Iceland	33.3	21	24.8
14	New Zealand	33.1	40	21.1
15	South Africa*	33.0	132	40.0
16	Australia	32.8	60	21.8
17	Germany	31.6	194	21.7
18	Uganda	30.7	107	23.2
19	Burundi	30.5	36	17.4
20	United Republic of Tanzania	30.4	97	21.9
21	Peru	29.2	35	21.0
22	Timor-Leste	29.2	19	24.5
23	Belarus	29.2	110	31.0
24	Guyana	29.0	20	24.5
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